

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected. By this Amendment, all of the claims have been amended. The amendments made to the claims do not alter the scope of these claims, nor have these amendments been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendments to the claims have been made to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0138144 ("Lynggaard") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0044068 ("Kagehiro"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify a reference or combine references to arrive at the claimed subject matter. The prior art references must also teach or suggest all the limitations of the claim in question. See, M.P.E.P. § 706.02(j). A reference can only be used for what it clearly discloses or suggests. See, In re Hummer, 113 U.S.P.Q. 66 (C.C.P.A. 1957); In re Stencel, 4 U.S.P.Q.2d 1071, 1073 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Here, the references, whether taken individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicant.

Among the limitations of Applicant's independent claims not present in the cited references is "a character string storage means for storing information about character string features and character recognizing means [which] corrects the

incorrectly recognized character string based on said information about feature character string features.”

As discussed in the present specification, in analyzing the captured character string, it is determined whether or not the character code matches any known character string features. See pg 12, ln 4, et seq. For example, it is determined whether the character string is a URL, a telephone number, an E-mail address, or the like. This information is then used to correct the character string based on the format (character string feature) of the character string. This process of correcting the captured character string based on the format of the character string is recited in each of Applicant's independent claims.

In contrast, neither of the cited references discloses this feature. In Kagehiro, the newly cited reference, a built-in image capture device is used to capture a character string. However, no error correction is disclosed.

In Lynggaard, erroneous character strings are corrected based on comparison to other strings already stored in memory. However, Lynggaard does not disclose correcting a character string based on the information about feature character strings. In other words, while Lynggaard discloses that error correction can be performed on E-mail addresses, web addresses, and the like, it does not disclose that these character strings will be corrected based on character string features. As such, Lynggaard and Kagehiro fail to disclose this explicitly recited feature. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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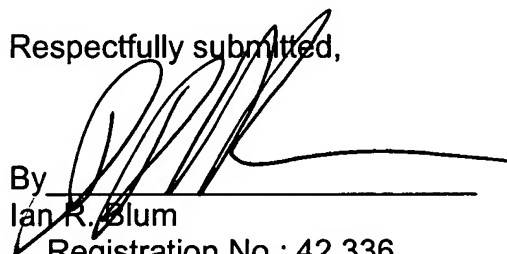
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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